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is better than reason No. 1. A little better, but not enough.

He says that the Bond Trustees could, under the Farris bill, pay themselves fancy salaries as committee chairmen.

Perhaps so; but they would not do it—wouldn't dare to. They would be turned out next time the people got a chance at them.

Under the vetoed bill the people would have a chance to elect a MAJORITY of the Board EVERY TWO YEARS.

That's the beauty of putting the selection of officials in the hands of the people.

As sure as the first set of Trustees would begin to fix fat salaries, just so sure would they be fired out when voting time came around again.

Trust the people, and the people will govern themselves to suit themselves.

For the reasons above set forth I do not regard the reasons given by the Governor for vetoing the Jacksonville Charter bill as good reasons.

And because all men, and the Governor more than most men, desire a government by the people, I think the bill should have become a law.

I know that the people of Jacksonville want to elect the Bond Trustees.

I now venture to suggest to Messrs. Farris, Melton and Buckman this—

Get up a new amendment to the Jacksonville charter, providing that the Bond Trustees shall be elected by the people and **FIXING THEIR SALARIES.**

Then, the Governor may sign it.

A GOOD DEED, NEATLY DONE.

Good work was done to kill the good roads bills. Unwept, unhonored and unsung, they have gone to their last resting place. Measures of ill-intent and portents of graft, there is naught to regret in the action of the House. None to feel sorrow over their death save those who saw opportunity for financial profit in their enactment. To those who may differ with this opinion and deplore this gratification it can be said: Remember that principle of "local self-government," of which so much has been heard of late.

Ethics in Japan.

The Japanese have a code of ethics that applies from birth to death and on through all eternity, which provides a rule for customs in dress, habits, religion, morals and manners. Each season has its own flower for decoration, its own religious observances, duties and games. Twice a year you fly kites. Twice a year you play battle-door and shuttlecock with gayly colored feather-cocks and battle-doors done up in silken raiment. Once a year, little girls play with the ancestral dolls brought out from the godowns, or storehouses, and little boys play with huge fish. Once a year you set your house in order and prepare food for the annual visitation of the spirits of your dead. Once you clean house, and no unkind authority interferes with your putting all your worldly possessions into the middle of the street while you sweep all the bad out.—Outlook.

Noise a Boother.

Noise is as essential to the sleep of some persons as silence is to others. Persons accustomed to the street noises of a city sleep restlessly in the country. A man who had lived eighteen years on a corner in Kansas City where two double tracks of street car lines cross sold his property a few months ago. He was advancing in years and thought he needed a home away from the rumble, clatter and clang of the cars. A week after he had moved he met a friend. He told his friend he thought his health was falling rapidly. He did not know what was the cause, but he did not seem able to sleep since he had moved.

"Get back on a trolley line," was his friend's advice. He took it.

"Never slept better in my life than I do now. I needed the noise," he said a few days later.—Kansas City Star.

Beyond Computation.

"When the late shah of Persia was in London," said a member of the British legation, "he amused himself at a dinner party at a ducal residence in Park lane by appraising the beauty of the ladies present in terms of sheep. Thus for a blond countess he said he would give 1,200 sheep; for a tall, slim baroness he said he would give 2,000 sheep; for a peeress of middle age he said he would give 250 sheep, and so on. Finally the shah came to the beautiful Mrs. Willie James. Everybody waited in anxious silence to hear the old hatter state her value in sheep, for she is thought to be the most beautiful woman in London. The shah looked at Mrs. James tenderly. He shook his head and sighed.

"This lady," he said, "is out of the question. Neither I nor any other man in the world owns as many sheep as she is worth."—Washington Star.

The Loon.

The loon is found in all the northern states. It is a very awkward bird on land, but a graceful and rapid swimmer. It is a remarkable diver, and it is thought that no other feathered creature can dive so far beneath the surface or remain so long a time under water. A specimen was once found attached to the hook of a fisherman's set line in Seneca lake, it having dived nearly 100 feet to reach the bait. It feeds on lizards, fish, frogs, all kinds of aquatic insects and the roots of fresh water plants, usually swallowing its food under water. It is a very large bird, about three feet in length, and spreads its wings fully five feet. It builds its nest in marshes, near water, of rushes and grass, which it twists together in a huge heap on the ground, usually among tall reeds. The eggs, usually three in number, are a little over three inches long and in color of a dull greenish-ocher, with indistinct spots of dark amber, most numerous toward the broad end. During the winter this bird lives near the seashore, especially in the salt marshes on the Long Island coast and along the shores of the Chesapeake, but in the summer it goes as far north as Maine to breed.

A Curious Creation Myth.

The various nations of the earth have their different legends or myths concerning the creation. That of the Scandinavian countries is particularly interesting.

According to the myth, Odin, Vili and Ve, sons of the giant and giantess Bor and Bestla, killed Ymir and from his body formed the heavens and the earth. Of his blood they made the seas and impassable oceans which surround the earth. Of his bones they made the mountains, using his teeth and the splinters to make the stones and pebbles. From his inverted skull they formed the heavens, and of his brains they formed the clouds. His hair became plants and trees when given a chance to take root in the new warm soil, and of his eyebrows they made a wall of defense around Midgard (Eden), which was the central place of abode of men. When these miracles had all been performed to suit Odin, who was the chief god, the three brothers took the sparks of fire which rained down from the burning world Muspelheim and, throwing them over the face of heaven, made the sun, moon and stars.—St. Louis Republic.

The earliest nations historically known to us, being inhabitants of warm countries in Asia and Africa, wore very light coverings for the head. Fields of linen or other light stuffs would loosely round the temples formed the common head-dress of the Hebrews in the patriarchal days.

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